



OECD Agricultural Policy Information, Analysis and Advice

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What is the OECD?

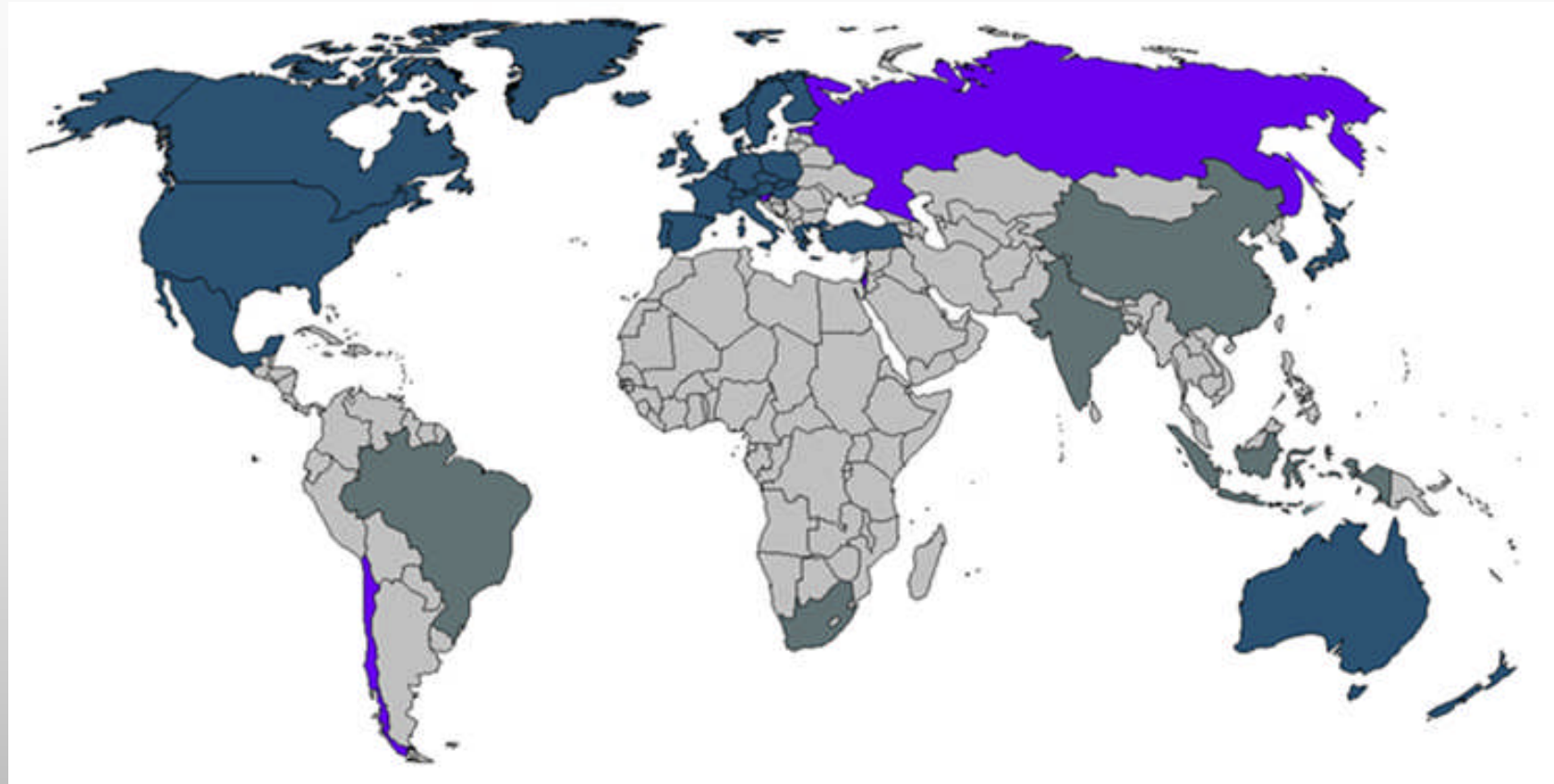
- **The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is a tool for governments**
- **Mission: Bring together governments committed to democracy and market economy to:**
 - ✓ Support sustainable economic growth
 - ✓ Raise living standards and boost employment
 - ✓ Maintain financial stability
 - ✓ Assist economic development worldwide
 - ✓ Contribute to the expansion of world trade

Some facts...

- **Established: 1961**
- **Location: Paris, France**
- **Annual budget: EUR 320 million (2009)**
- **Secretariat staff: 2 500**
- **Nearly 300 committees, working and expert groups**
- **Around 40,000 delegates attend OECD meetings every year.**

Membership is evolving...

OECD is currently in **Accession** talks with **Chile, Estonia, Israel, Slovenia** and **Russia** and in **Enhanced Engagement** with **China, India, Indonesia, Brazil** and **South Africa**



30 OECD member countries



Accession countries



Enhanced Engagement partners

Policy coverage is comprehensive...

Economy

- Economic policy
- Local economic and employment development
- **Agriculture**
- Competition
- Industry, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Territorial Development
- Trade

Finance

- Financial Markets
- Insurance & Pensions
- Investment
- Fiscal Affairs

Development

- Development Assistance

Governance

- Corporate Governance
- Fighting Corruption
- Public Governance & Management
- Regulatory Reform

Innovation

- Scientific and technological policy
- Information & communication technologies

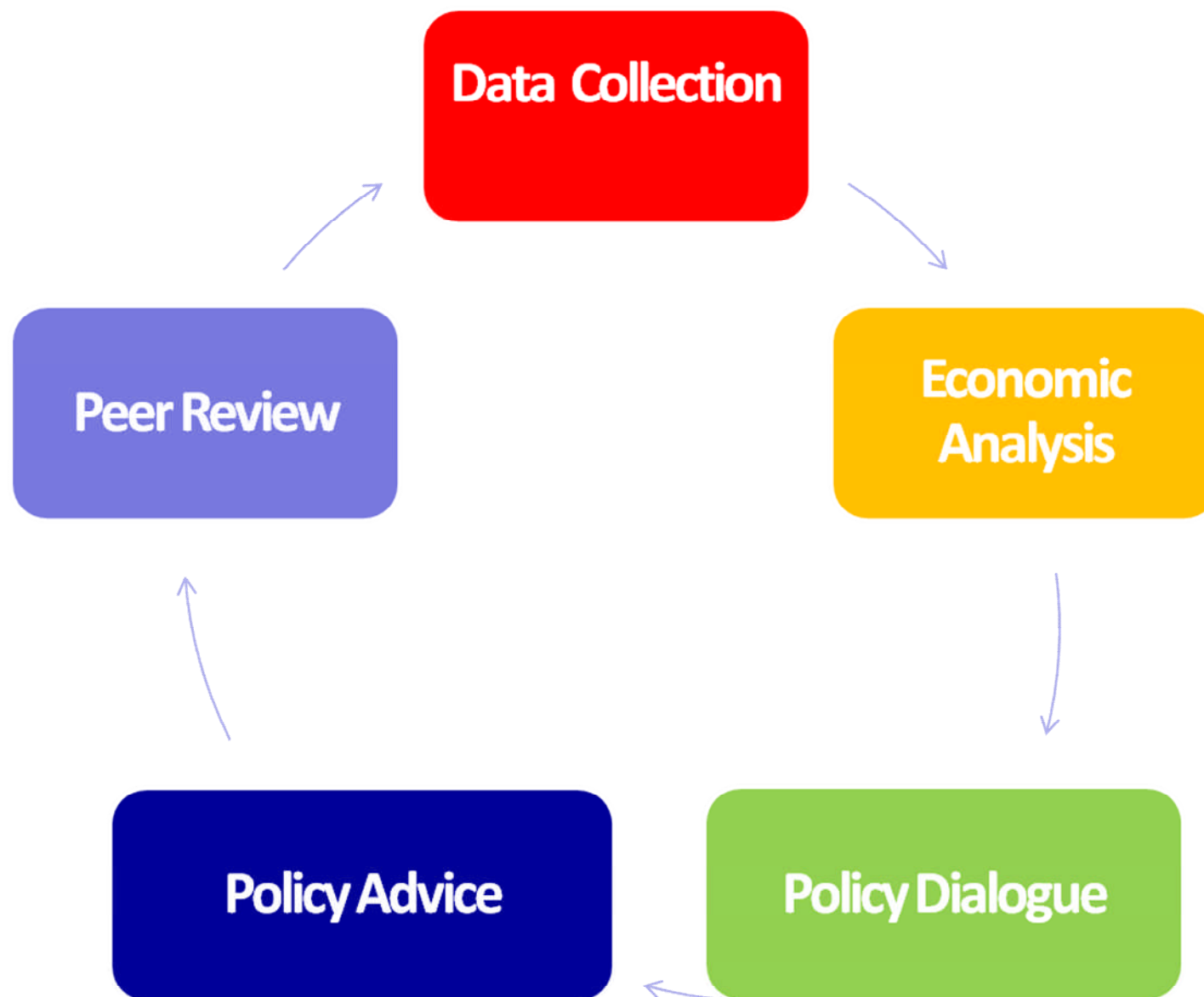
Society

- Education Policy
- Employment, labour and social affairs
- Health
- Consumer policy
- Tourism

Sustainability

- Fisheries
- Energy
- Environment policy
- Sustainable Development

Evidence-based and consensual...



Policy dialogue & peer review...

- A framework to compare, contrast and learn from other country experiences,
- ...examining “best practices” in multiple policy areas.
- Flexible (“in camera” or with CSOs, the media)
- ...and responsive to emerging country interests.
- Improves understanding of domestic policy options and supports consensus building on an international basis.

OECD work on agriculture

- Economic and policy information, analysis and advice, aimed at helping governments
- ...improve the domestic and international performance of their policies.
- ✓ Agriculture policy reform
- ✓ Agriculture sustainability
- ✓ Agriculture and trade

Agriculture policy reform

- Annual policy monitoring and evaluation
 - ...and country studies (“OECD plus”)
 - Farm household income
 - Positive reform agenda & policy design
 - Food supply chains
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- Innovation in food & agriculture

Agriculture sustainability

- Agri-environmental indicators
 - Agri-environmental policy inventory
 - Water use in agriculture
 - Guidelines for agri-environmental policy
 - Rural development
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- Climate change and green growth

Agriculture and trade

- Medium term outlook
 - ...and systemic changes in commodity markets
 - Multilateral and regional trade liberalisation
 - Non-tariff measures
 - Trade patterns
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- Agriculture, trade and development (building global food security)

OECD Trade and Agriculture



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